

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENUS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Authorized agent" means an individual certified by the
3 Commissioner of Public Health to inspect food service establishments
4 and enforce the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-36a of the
5 general statutes, as amended by this act;
- 6 (2) "Children's meal" means one or more food items and a beverage
7 sold together at a single price and intended primarily for consumption
8 by a child;
- 9 (3) "Children's menu" means a restaurant menu that contains only
10 children's meals, a section of a restaurant menu that contains only
11 children's meals or an advertisement for a children's meal;
- 12 (4) "Director of health" has the same meaning as provided in section
13 19a-36g of the general statutes;
- 14 (5) "Nondairy milk alternative" means a fluid milk substitute that
15 meets the standards established pursuant to the National School Lunch
16 Program meal requirements for lunches and requirements for
17 afterschool snacks, 7 CFR 210.10; and
- 18 (6) "Restaurant" means any entity that is licensed, permitted,
19 registered or inspected as a food service establishment by a local health
20 department or district health department pursuant to regulations

21 adopted under section 19a-36a of the general statutes, as amended by
22 this act, other than a grocery store or a school, institution or entity that
23 participates in a child nutrition program administered by the United
24 States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

25 (b) On and after January 1, 2021, any beverage included as part of a
26 children's menu shall be water or sparkling water, or one of the
27 following beverages, served in a portion of not more than eight ounces:
28 (1) Flavored water or sparkling water that contains no added sugar or
29 sweeteners, (2) water or sparkling water flavored with fruit juice,
30 vegetable juice or a combination of such juices, provided such beverage
31 contains no added sugar or sweeteners, (3) one hundred per cent fruit
32 juice, one hundred per cent vegetable juice or a combination of such
33 juices, provided such fruit juice, vegetable juice or combination of such
34 juices contains no added sugar or sweeteners, (4) milk, or (5) a nondairy
35 milk alternative.

36 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a restaurant from (1) selling,
37 upon the request of a customer, a beverage that is not included on a
38 children's menu as part of a children's meal, or (2) placing a statement
39 on a children's menu indicating that a customer may request the
40 substitution of a beverage that is not included on such children's menu.

41 (d) Any restaurant that offers children's meals for sale shall, as part
42 of a regularly scheduled food service establishment inspection
43 conducted by an authorized agent, provide a copy of any children's
44 menu used by such restaurant to such authorized agent.

45 Sec. 2. Section 19a-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

47 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
48 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure that food service
49 establishments employ as food operators persons who have a
50 knowledge of safe food handling techniques and to set requirements for
51 the employment of food operators by such establishments. Such
52 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, responsibilities of food

53 service establishments and their employees, exemptions for certain
54 classes of food establishments and responsibilities of local health
55 departments in monitoring compliance of food establishments.

56 (b) On or before January 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Public Health
57 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
58 to require regularly scheduled food service establishment inspections to
59 include a review of all children's menus, as defined in section 1 of this
60 act, for compliance with the provisions of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	19a-36a

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